District I Advisory Board Minutes

February 1, 2016

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The District I Advisory Board meeting was held at 6:30 p.m. at the Wichita Downtown Development Corporation, 507 E. Douglas Ave., Wichita, KS 67202. The Council Member, Ten Board Members, Eight Staff and Ten Members of the public were present.

Members Present Staff Present

David BuckmasterOfficer M. Lowe, WPDBeverly DomitrovicOfficer C. Burnett, WPDDan HeflinOfficer A. Recio, WPDBrandon JamesLt. Hauschild, WFDBrandon JohnsonC. Tormey, WFD

Aaron Mayes Paul Gunzelman, Public Works & Utilities
James Roseboro Julianne Kallman, Public Works & Utilities

James Thompson Kameelah Alexander, Office of Community Services

Janet Wilson Bill Wynne

Council Member Lavonta Williams

Members Absent Guests

Twila Chaloupek Listed on last page

Joshua Marshall (Youth Member)

Order of Business

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda submitted. Motion by Wynne/Roseboro, carried 9:0.

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes submitted. Motion by Roseboro/Wilson, carried 9:0.

Public Agenda

Scheduled Items

Jeff Fluhr with Wichita Downtown Development Corporation presented the updates for the downtown area including the transformation of housing and businesses.

Off Agenda Items

No Items

Staff Reports

Fire Report

Lt. Hauschild, shared an update about alarms and emergency calls.

Police Report

Officer M. Lowe, Patrol East, shared statistics about larcenies and auto thefts. An officer has a special assignment to work on robberies due to an increase of incidents. The importance of not leaving vehicles unlocked and running during the cold season was emphasized.

Officer A. Recio, Patrol South, shared statistics about aggravated assaults, aggravated robberies, auto thefts and burglaries. The trouble with pop-up clubs/rentals at buildings was discussed with the concern of private parties with "bring your own bottle" rules and out of control or unwanted guests.

Officer C. Burnett, Patrol North, shared an update for the Fairmount/WSU partnership.

New Business

Douglas Area

Paul Gunzelman, Public Works and Utilities Department, presented the status update on east Douglas from Washington to Grove project and improvements to the intersection of Douglas and Hydraulic.

Updates included:

- Diagonal parking along the south side of Douglas
- Left turning lanes in all directions
- Hydraulic will lose a lane in each direction
- Construction schedule to begin fall of 2016

DAB Questions:

DAB: How does losing a lane on Hydraulic effect traffic?

A: The current traffic flow can be maintained with one lane and just south of Douglas has been reconfigured to one lane.

DAB: Are bike lanes being considered?

A: No, because first and second street have been designated as bike lanes for downtown.

Public Comments:

Opposition for lack of parking space along Douglas was expressed from the President of MakeICT-Wichita's Makerspace located at 1500 E. Douglas.

Action Taken: Roseboro/B. James made a motion to approve the design with concern for parking along the south side of Douglas. Motion passed 9:1.

Board Agenda

Updates, Issues and Reports

- Schweiter NA has new officers
- Country Overlook NA meeting will include a report from the fire department and new residents attended
- A. Price Woodard Neighborhood participating in a community meeting to discuss development in the neighborhood sponsored by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Building Block for Sustainable Communities program.
- February 17, 2016 at 6:30 WSU Office of Diversity and Inclusion are hosting a presentation at WSU Metropolitan Complex for Black History Month. Cost is \$5.00
- NE Heights created a calling tree that is working smoothly
- Elm Neighborhood Association meeting is Thursday, February 4, 2016
- Request for information concerning replatting versus rezoning
- Expungement Informational hosted at Atwater NRC on Thursday, February 4, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.
- Update provided about vacant QuikTrip buildings in Wichita
- District I Breakfast on February 5, 2016 will discuss vacant buildings

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Roseboro/Buckmaster, motion passed 10:0.

The next District I Advisory Board meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m., March 7, 2016, at Atwater Neighborhood Resource Center, 2755 E. 19th St. N.

Guests

- 1. Tim Azriere
- 2. Prisca Barnes
- 3. Jane Byrnes
- 4. Dominic Canare
- 5. Gerry Domitrovic
- 6. Tarrance Floyd
- 7. Donald Hogg
- 8. Lynn Moore
- 9. Janice Rich
- 10. Lonny Wright